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Under Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973

Whereas, the General Elections to Sanquelim Municipal Council, is scheduled to be held on 06-05-2018 and accordingly the Election Code of Conduct is announced and directions issued from the office of the Goa State Election Commission, Altinho, Panaji, Goa to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections, are in force;

And whereas, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and impose ban for carrying of any type of arms and firearms and other lethal weapons, to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of the said elections and also to prevent obstruction/annoyance/injury to any person; danger to human life/security; or disturbance of public tranquility; or riot/affray during the complete election process.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually to all concerned.

Now therefore, I, Nila Mohanan, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P. C., 1973 do hereby prohibit all the arms licence holders of Bicholim Taluka, from carrying any type of arms/firearms/ammunition/lethal weapons, etc. in any public place/street/road squares/thoroughfare/by lanes, or in any open place in entire Bicholim Taluka of North Goa, with immediate effect till election process gets over.

Further, all the arms licence holders of Bicholim Taluka in North Goa District are directed to deposit all their firearms at the Police Stations of their respective jurisdiction positively before 22nd day April, 2018. All the firearms deposited will be returned to the licence holders five days after the completion of counting of votes.

Further, any person from outside Bicholim Taluka is also prohibited to carry his/her licenced weapons within the territorial jurisdiction of Bicholim Taluka with immediate effect till further orders.

The above restrictions shall not apply to Banks//Public Servants/Defence Personnel/Security Personnel on duty/sports persons who are members of National Rifle Association of India and any other person especially exempted from the purview of this order.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 18th day of April, 2018.

Panaji.— The District Magistrate, *Nila Mohanan,* IAS.

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